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Senate Bill 1135: AAC ENERGY EFFICIENCY INVESTMENTS IN UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES

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TESTIMONY OF COMMISSIONER KEVIN DELGOBBO

The Department of Public Utility Control (Department) would like to comment on Senate Bill No. 1135. Senate Bill No. 1135 would authorize the Department to require the Energy Conservation Management Board (ECMB), the Renewable Energy Investments Board and the electric distribution companies to establish a program for energy conservation and load management projects in 'underserved' communities. Under the terms of this proposed bill, the funding source for these programs is derived from: the Energy Conservation and Load Management Fund, the Renewable Energy Investments Funds and any money available pursuant to the federal stimulus package.

The Department encourages this Committee to closely examine these programs it is committed to developing in order to ensure that they are best-suited to meet the needs of their intended audience. The Department recognizes that there are significant benefits that can accrue from these types of programs if they are well designed and properly implemented. Under such circumstances, the Department offers its support for this proposal and looks forward to working with this Committee to address this matter.

The Department thanks the Committee for this opportunity to testify and is available for questions.